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SURVEY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPH 12(a) OF
WIPO STANDARD ST.10/C

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1. At its fifth and sixth sessions, held in November 2004, and September 2005, respectively, the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) agreed that a survey of industrial property offices (IPOs) would be undertaken by the International Bureau (IB), to determine the compliance by IPOs with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C. The current version of paragraph 12(a) which was last revised by the SDWG at its fifth session, is reproduced in paragraph 3 of the Annex to this document. (See document SCIT/SDWG/5/13, paragraphs 91 and 101, Task No. 30, and document SCIT/SDWG/6/11, paragraphs 19 and 70, Task No. 30.)
2. In accordance with the said agreement by the SDWG, the IB issued Circular SCIT 2619, dated January 31, 2006, which invited IPOs to complete a questionnaire on the implementation of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C. IPOs were also invited to provide copies of filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications, so that other IPOs could be informed as to how to proceed with regard to the priority application numbers of each office. The circular, the questionnaire and the 32 responses received by the IB are available on WIPO's website (<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/mailbox/mastcirc.htm>).

3. The survey on the implementation of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C, which is reproduced as the Annex to this document, has been prepared by the IB on the basis of the replies by IPOs to the questionnaire referred to in paragraph 2, above. The Appendix of the Annex contains the sample copies of filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications provided by the IPOs along with their responses to the questionnaire. The Appendix is available only in electronic form on the web page containing the working documents for the seventh session of the SDWG (http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=10266, document [scit_sdwg_7_3-appendix.pdf](#)).

4. *The SDWG is invited:*

(a) to consider the information given in the survey on the implementation of paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C, reproduced as the Annex to this document; and

(b) to decide whether IPOs should be invited to provide to the IB, whenever applicable, updated information regarding the questionnaire, and updated copies of filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications referred to in paragraph 2, above, in order to prepare an amended version of the survey to be considered at the next session of the Working Group.

[Annex follows]